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1. UNRWA DEPUTY COMGEN MCELHINEY TOLD EMBOFF MAY 13 THAT JOHN TANNER, DIRECTOR UNRWA OPERATIONS IN EAST JORDAN, HAS BEEN PICKING UP "STRANGE NOISES" FROM GOJ CONTACTS OVER LAST TEN DAYS. MCELHINEY SAID TANNER HAS BEGUN HEARING REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT USG IS BECOMING "MORE FLEXIBLE" ON QUESTIONS OFFUNDS FOR "REFUGEES." MCELHINEY COMMENTED, AS HE HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST, THAT USG HAS DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL BY UNRWA, AND HE IS AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHAT GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE IN MIND.

2. COMMENT: FROM TIMING OF NEW TONE IN GOJ CONTACTS WITH TANNER, OCCURS TO US THAT EXPECTATIONS OF ADDITIONAL USG FUNDS MAY BE SOMEHOW RELATED TO KING HUSSEIN'S RECENT VISIT TO U.S. WE WONDER IF WORD OF PRIMIN RIFAI'S PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL

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RE GRADUAL GOJ ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNRWA

OPERATIONS IN EAST JORDAN (REFTEL A) MAY HAVE FILTERED BACK TO AMMAN IN SOME FORM. HOWEVER, COMGEN APPARENTLY BELIEVES JORDANIANS HAVE IN MIND INCREASED USG FUNDING TO UNRWA, ALTHOUGH HE KNOWS ENOUGH ABOUT SUBJECT NOT RPT NOT TO CREDIT THIS POSSIBILITY. GODLEY

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